

REMARKS:

This is a full and complete response to the Office action dated June 23, 2008.

REGARDING THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserve the right to re-present such claims in a future divisional, continuation, or other application. Furthermore, claim 16 has been added with support found in the application on page 12, second paragraph. Claim 17 finds support on page 9 and claim 18 find support on page 13 of the application. Support for claim 19 can be found on page 8 of the application. No new matter has been added.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

The Examiner has required the election of and restriction to one of the following Groups:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a fishing rod and reel storage case;
- II. Claims 9-15, drawn to a fishing rod and reel storage case having an aperture.

Applicants hereby elect Group II above drawn to claims 9-15, without traverse. As Applicants have added claims 16-19, such claims also fall within Group II.

The Examiner also required election of one of the following species;

- A. Figs. 1-7;
- B. Figs 8-23.

Applicants hereby elect Group A, Figs. 1-7 and submit that claims 9-19 encompass Figs. 1-7. Applicants respectfully traverse this species restriction as there is no indication by the Examiner what were "the mutually exclusive characteristics" of said groups of figures. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the grounds of the restriction are not sufficient and such should be withdrawn.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, Order No. 7298,075.NPUS01.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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